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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, ETRD

SUBJECT: 1978 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

REF: STATE 282804

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS INSTRUCTED THE DEPARTMENT TO SEEK BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH PRINCIPAL MEAT EXPORTERS COVERING MEAT IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING 1978 WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE 1964 MEAT IMPORT ACT. THESE AGREEMENTS WOULD LIMIT IMPORTS TO BELOW 1302.3 MILLION POUNDS, THE 1978 QUOTA TRIGGER LEVEL. EXTENSIVE INTER-AGENCY REVIEW HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT CONTINUING LARGE POTENTIAL WORLD MEAT SUPPLIES AND IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN OTHER MAJOR MARKETS MAKE UNRESTRICTED IMPORTATION UNFEASIBLE.

2. GIVEN THE CONTINUING DIFFICULT SITUATION THAT CONFRONTS THE US CATTLE INDUSTRY, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO CONCLUDE THE 1978 PROGRAM BEFORE THE CLOSE OF 1977. THEREFORE, IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THE SHORTFALL IN THE 1977 PROGRAM AND THE

PROBABLE 1978 PROGRAM WE WILL HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CONCLUDING SUCH AGREEMENTS. WE INVITE EACH GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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3. AS REPORTED REFTEL, TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE 1978 PROGRAM WAS REACHED DURING CONSULTATIONS ABOUT THE REALLOCATION OF THE 1977 SHORTFALL. TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AND HOST COUNTRY'S PERCENTAGE SHARE OF THE TOTAL PROGRAM WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. ASSUMING ALL CURRENT PARTICIPANTS CONTINUE IN THE PROGRAM, THE 1978 ALLOCATION SCHEDULE WOULD THUS BE AS FOLLOWS, WHICH EMBASSY MAY CONVEY TO HOST GOVERNMENT.

ALLOCATIONS FOR 1978 MEAT IMPORT  
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	MARKET SHARE (PERCENT)	ALLOCATION (MILLION POUNDS)
AUSTRALIA	51.3405	663.5
BELIZE	0.0393	0.5

CANADA	5.8966	76.2
COSTA RICA	4.3714	56.5
DOM. REPUBLIC	1.1793	15.2
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GUATEMALA	2.7989	36.2
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HONDURAS	2.9247	37.8
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NICARAGUA	3.9861	51.5
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SUBTOTAL		1292.3
RESERVE		10.0
TOTAL		1302.3
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4. REPORT SIGNIFICANT HOST GOVERNMENT REACTION AND INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO INVITATIONS. FOR OTTAWA PLEASE INFORM GOC THAT WE PREFER TO INCLUDE CANADA IN PROGRAM THROUGH REGULAR AGREEMENT. SPECIAL QUESTION OF CROSS BORDER TRADE CAN BE HANDLED EITHER AS ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT OR THROUGH SIDE LETTERS. VANCE

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